

Teague to Join Family in Unveiling of New Headstone

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Washington, DC – On Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, Congressman Harry Teague will commemorate the service of Alamogordo Veteran Sgt. Willie Estrada at a ceremony to unveil a new headstone in his honor. The new headstone recognizes Sgt. Estrada being awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest military honor that can be awarded to a member of the armed services.

“Sgt. Estrada is one of our nation’s great heroes and he deserves this recognition for his brave service,” said Harry Teague, a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. “His family has worked for years trying to secure a new headstone and finally their years long struggle has come to an end. Providing a marker that accurately portrays Sgt. Estrada’s service to our country is the least we can do. I am glad that my office was able to help secure this new headstone and I am humbled to be able to present Sgt. Estrada’s headstone to his family on Memorial Day, a day when everyone should take a moment to remember those service men and women who gave their lives for our freedoms.”

Sgt. Estrada’s family has worked for years to get a new headstone that includes a recognition of Sgt. Estrada being awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

The President of the United States of America, proudly presented the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Sergeant Willie N. Estrada, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United Nations while serving as a Tank Commander with 245th Medium Tank Battalion, 45th Infantry Division. Sergeant Estrada distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against enemy aggressor forces in the vicinity of Bongowol, Korea, on the night of September 21, 1952.

BJ Lawrence, commander of the Alamogordo VFW Post and Sgt. Willie Estrada's family will be on the hand for the event.

Interested media are invited to attend.

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Monday, May 31

What: VFW Memorial Service and Sgt. Willie Estrada Headstone Unveiling

Where: Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, 1301 1st St, Alamogordo

When: 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

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